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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Implementation of Section 621 (a) (1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Third Report and Order – MB Docket No. 05-311

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing on behalf of the Falmouth, Massachusetts Board of Selectmen. At their regular business meeting on July 22, the Board voted unanimously to transmit this letter of concern to you and members of the Federal Communications Commission. The Board is strongly opposed to this Proposed Order. This Proposed Order would preempt long-standing local municipal authority. It would dramatically reduce cable franchise fee revenue to cities and towns and would further restrict municipal authority regarding the use of public rights-of-way by cable companies. In considering this Proposed Order, the FCC in its rulemaking would be ignoring legitimate, long-recognized public interests which will be harmed should this be allowed to proceed.

The Massachusetts Municipal Association, in a letter dated July 17, has further recounted in expanded detail the multiple issues of concern with this Proposed Order. By reference, we concur with the issues raised in that letter and respectfully appeal to you for reconsideration to return to the more fair and balanced approach which has been historically in place in responsibly serving the broader public interest. Thank you for your every consideration.

Sincerely,

Julian M. Suso

Falmouth Town Manager

Cc Board of Selectmen
U.S. Senators Warren and Markey; U.S. Representative Keating